

**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE HPUD CFD NO. 2005-1 BOARD**

**1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA, 92249**

Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact the District (760-482-2440) two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board of Director's of the Heber Public Utility District was held at the District's meeting room and called to order at 6:09 pm by President Eduardo Valdez-Belmonte.

2. ROLL CALL:

Director's present at roll call: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, and E. Valdez-Belmonte. Also present were General Manager, Laura Fischer; Board Secretary, Raquel Carrillo; and General Counsel, Mr. Steve Walker. Director D. Garcia-Ruiz arrived at 6:10 pm and Director Lizarraga was excused absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Eduardo Valdez-Belmonte.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented was made by Director Escobedo, seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENT:

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please fill out a "Request to Speak Form" and hand it to the Clerk of the Board and when recognized by the President of the Board, go to the podium and address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

Mr. John Nava approached the Board with questions regarding his bill. He asked the Board why the District didn't give extensions to customers to pay their bills late. The

General Manager addressed Mr. Nava's question with the District's policies and told Mr. Nava that he would get the \$15 late fee waived for this month only.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed and placed under New Business at the request of any Board Member or member of the Public.

A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2015 and May 7, 2015.

B. Approval of Current Demands for April 2015.

The Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was made by Director Garcia-Ruiz, seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

7. REPORTS:

A. Operations Report for April 2015

Informational Only

B. President and Director's Comments

Director Garcia-Ruiz commented that she has had residents complain to her about the conditions of the residential street in the older section of Heber.

She suggested that staff set up a meeting with the County of Imperial Public Works Director to discuss the issue with Heber residents.

C. General Manager's Report

General Manager reported that flyers for movie night and ice-cream social for June 12th will be going out with bills.

HPUD had to get permits for Health Dept. to have booths. HPUD will be having an ice-cream booth but have the ASB from Heber school run it and keep the money. Also we will try to have the Heber drum-line perform.

The General Manager reported that grading and initial construction has started at the Imperial Center and that the County did not get approval from HPUD before they issued the grading permit. Also, the contractor at the site does not have a water connection for construction water. The General Manager will write a letter to the County to correct these issues.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Adopt Budget Resolution Number 2015-5 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget – General Manager

Motion to Adopt Budget Resolution Number 2015-5 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

- B. Information Only Regarding Refinancing Heber Meadows CFD 2005-1 – General Manager.

Information Only

- C. Authorize the Request For Proposal for Professional Legal Services for District Legal Counsel – General Manager

After a lengthy discussion Director Escobedo made a motion to table item for next Regular Meeting so that all Board Member could be present. Motion died for lack of a second.

Director Valdez-Belmonte motion to proceed to solicit proposals for legal services. Motion died for lack of a second.

After further discussion, Director Sandoval made a motion as follows: Not solicit proposals for professional legal services and to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to review the current contract with Mr. Steve Walker. Motion was seconded by Ms. Garcia-Ruiz.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

The AD Hoc committee was established with Directors Valdez-Belmonte and Sandoval serving. Staff will facilitate a meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee and Mr. Walker.

- D. Information Only Regarding Establishing a Policy to Determine Eligibility to Receive Donations From HPUD – Board President

President Valdez-Belmonte stated that he would like to establish a Policy to determine eligibility to receive donations from the District. After different options on how to word Policy, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Directors was formed to work on policy development. The Ad Hoc Committee was

established with Directors Garcia-Ruiz and Valdez-Belmonte. Staff will facilitate a meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee and staff.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Information Only Regarding Correll Basin Improvement Project – General Manager

After a lengthy discussion, direction was given to staff to reject all bids, ask County for another 50,000 to do small park and no basin. Bring back to June meeting.

- B. Authorize the General Manager to Award Contract For Improvements to the Basketball Court at Tito Huerta Park – General Manager

A motion was made to reject all bids and reprogram the improvements to the basketball court at Tito Huerta Park in the Five Year Capital Improvement Program List. Motion made by Director Garcia-Ruiz, seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte, and D Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

- C. Information Only – Hydraulic Report Related to Imperial Center – General Manager

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday @ 8:30 am 940 W Main St., El Centro

- B. CSDA newsletter www.csda.net

- C. AWWA Annual Conference in Anaheim – June 7-10th

11. CLOSED SESSION:

The Motion to go into Closed Session was made at 9:20pm by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Garcia-Ruiz.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

- A. Government Code Section 54956.8 Property Negotiations Property: APN # 054-601-001-000; Property Negotiator General Manager Terms and Conditions

Board came back into Open Session at 9:27 pm
No Reportable Action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28pm was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Escobedo
Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte and D. Garcia-Ruiz
NOES:
ABSENT: M. Lizarraga

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 21, 2015 were prepared by Raquel R. Carrillo – Secretary of the Board

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